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# AMENDMENTS.

January 21, 1863,

[By Mr. Collier, of Virginia.]

## A BILL

To be entitled An Act to declare what persons shall be exempt from  
military service.

- 1      *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,*
- 2      That all persons who shall be held unfit for military service in
- 3      the field, by reason of bodily or mental incapacity or imbecility,
- 4      under rules to be prescribed by the Secretary of War; the Vice
- 5      President of the Confederate States, the officers, Judicial and
- 6      Executive of the Confederate and State Governments, including
- 7      postmasters appointed by the President and confirmed by
- 8      the Senate, and such clerks in their offices as are allowed by the
- 9      Postmaster General, and now employed, and excluding all other
- 10     postmasters, their assistants and clerks; and except such State
- 11     officers as the several States may have declared, or may hereafter

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12 declare, liable to militia duty, the members of both Houses of  
13 the Congress of the Confederate States, and of the Legislatures  
14 of the several States, and their respective officers; all clerks now  
15 in the offices of the Confederate and State Governments author-  
16 ized by law, receiving salaries or fees; all volunteer troops, here-  
17 tofore raised by any State since the passage of the act, entitled  
18 "An act further to provide for the public defence," approved April  
19 16th, 1862, while such troops shall be in active service under State  
20 authority; *Provided*, That this exemption shall not apply to any  
21 person who was liable to be called into service by virtue of said  
22 act of April 16th, 1862: all pilots and persons engaged in the  
23 merchant marine service; the president, superintendents, con-  
24 ductors, treasurer, chief clerk, engineers, managers, station  
25 agents, section masters, two expert track hands to each section  
26 of eight miles, and mechanics in the active service and employ-  
27 ment of railroad companies, not to embrace laborers, porters and  
28 messengers; the president, general superintendent, and oper-  
29 ators of telegraph companies, the local superintendent and  
30 operators of said companies, not to exceed four in number at any  
31 locality but that at the seat of Government of the Confederate  
32 States; the president, superintendents, captains, engineers, chief  
33 clerk and mechanics in the active service and employment of all

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34 companies engaged in river and canal navigation, and all captains  
35 of boats and engineers therein employed; one editor of each  
36 newspaper now being published, and such employees as the editor  
37 or proprietor may certify on oath to be indispensable for con-  
38 ducting the publication; the public printer and those employed  
39 to perform the public printing for the Confederate and State  
40 Governments; every minister of religion authorized to preach  
41 according to the rules of his sect, and in the regular discharge  
42 of ministerial duties; and all persons who have been, and now  
43 are members of the Society of Friends, and the Association of  
44 Dunkards, Nazarenes and Mennonists in regular membership in  
45 their respective denominations: *Provided*, Members of the Society  
46 of Friends, Nazarenes, Mennonists and Dunkards shall furnish  
47 substitutes or pay a tax of \$500 each into the public treasury;  
48 all physicians who now are, and have been for the last five years,  
49 in actual practice of their profession; all superintendents  
50 of public hospitals, lunatic asylums, and the regular physicians,  
51 nurses and attendants therein, and the teachers employed in the  
52 institutions for the deaf, dumb and blind; in each apothecary  
53 store, now established and doing business, one apothecary in  
54 good standing, who is a practical apothecary; all superintendents,  
55 managers, mechanics and miners employed in the production and

56 manufacture of salt to the extent of twenty bushels per day, and  
57 of lead and iron, and all persons engaged in burning coke, smelt-  
58 ing and mannfacture of iron, regular miners in coal mines, and  
59 all colliers engaged in making charcoal for making bar and pig  
60 iron, not to embrace laborers, messengers, wagoners and servants,  
61 unless employed at works conducted under the authority, and by  
62 the officers or agents of a State, or in works employed in the  
63 production of iron for the Confederate States ; also a regiment  
64 raised under, and by authority of the State of Texas for frontier  
65 defence, now in the service of said State, while in such service ;  
  
66 *Provided, further,* That the exemptions herein above enumerated  
67 and granted hereby, shall only continue whilst the persons  
68 exempted are actually engaged in their respective pursuits or occu-  
69 pations : *Provided, further,* That the Seeretary of War shall, upon  
70 such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by him, and with  
71 the approval of the President, exempt from all military service, or  
72 detail for specified purposes, such person or persons, as, with the  
73 approval of the President, he may deem essential for the good of  
74 the service, or the general interests of the country ; and *Provided,*  
75 *further,* That the enrolment of persons between forty and forty-  
76 five years of age, shall be suspended until the President shall  
77 call such persons into the military service.

1 SEC. 2. All acts or parts of acts, heretofore passed in conflict  
2 with the provisions herein contained, are hereby repealed.

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[By Mr. CHAMBLISS.]

Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert:

1 "That all persons who shall be unfit for military service in the  
2 field by reason of bodily, or mental infirmity, under rules to be  
3 prescribed by the Secretary of War, the officers, Judicial and  
4 Executive of the Confederate and State Governments, except  
5 postmasters not nominated by the President and confirmed by the  
6 Senate; and except deputy sheriffs, deputy clerks, commissioners  
7 of the revenue and constables; collectors of the taxes in towns and  
8 cities having such officers; the assistants and clerks in the gene-  
9 ral postoffice; the members of both Houses of Congress of the  
10 Confederate States, and the Legislatures of the respective States  
11 and their respective officers; and such other persons as the Presi-  
12 dent shall be satisfied on account of justice or necessity ought to  
13 be exempted, are hereby exempted from military service of the  
14 Confederate States.

1 SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That all laws heretofore enacted

2 by Congress, exempting persons from military service in the  
3 army of the Confederate States, are hereby repealed.

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[By Mr. LYONS.]

1 SECTION . *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the  
2 duty of all enrolling officers under the act entitled "An act to  
3 enrol the names of every white male inhabitant within the  
4 district of such agent, between the ages of eighteen and forty-  
5 five years, and, in case of the exemption of any such inhabitant  
6 from military service under the authority of law, it shall be the  
7 duty of such enrolling officers to state opposite the name of such  
8 person exempted, or excused, the precise ground or cause thereof,  
9 and a duplicate list of all enrolments, with the cause of any  
10 exemption, or failure to call any conscript into service stated  
11 opposite each name, shall by each enrolling officer, be filed with  
12 the judge of probate, or county court of the county where such  
13 enrolment was made, to be held subject to public inspection.

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[By Mr. FOSTER.]

Amend by striking out from the word "years" in fourth line, all  
down to the word "are" in the sixth line.

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[By Mr. GRAHAM.]

Amendment to be inserted after the word "service" in the fourteenth line:

"Such persons as may be held unfit for military service in the field by reason of bodily or mental incapacity.

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[By Mr. FOOTE.]

To come in after word "States" in third line.

(Including persons of foreign birth, to whatever government they may profess to owe allegiance, who shall be found in the Confederate States, after the lapse of twenty days from the passage of this act.)

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[By Mr. DARGAN.]

To come in after the words "forty-five years" in fourth line.  
"Able to perform military service."

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[By Mr. DARGAN.]

To come at the end of bill.

*Provided, however,* That such judicial and executive officers of any State, who, by the laws thereof, are, or may be, liable to perform military service, shall not be exempted by virtue of this act.

[By Mr. GARTRELL.]

To come in after amendment of Mr. Dargan.

*And provided further,* That no person shall be enrolled, who has a substitute in the army, furnished in accordance with orders heretofore issued by the Secretary of War.

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